

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 49-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST
HEIGHTS ESTABLISHING NEW PARKING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS,
AND THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ALONG BLACKHAWK
AND SACHEM LANES IN THE TOWN FOREST HEIGHTS**

Introduced By: Councilmembers Robert Barnes Jr. and Calvin Washington

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized pursuant to Section 15.3.A. of the Ordinance Code of the Town of Forest Heights (the "Town") to temporarily erect or cause to be erected any traffic control devices designed to control, regulate or limit parking on the public streets, highways, or other areas in the Town; and

WHEREAS, in order for the above-referenced temporary placement of a no parking or other traffic control device to be permanently erected within a Town right-of-way, the Council must pass a resolution giving final approval of said placement or posting; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.3 of said Ordinance Code further mandates that once a sign or traffic control device is so placed, a description of said device shall be placed on a list maintained by the Police Department describing all such traffic control devices erected within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds that according to the various record plats of Forest Heights recorded in the land records of Prince George's County all but two of the municipal roadways under the jurisdiction of the Town of Forest Heights are fifty (50) feet wide, namely Blackhawk and Sachem Lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further find that according to the record plats, Sachem Lane in its entirety is a twenty (20) feet wide right-of-way, and that except for the 150 feet length of alleyway intersecting with Woodland Drive where the right-of-way is thirty (30) feet wide, the majority of Blackhawk Lane is also a twenty (20) feet wide right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further find that the paved travel way for both lanes or alleyways (Sachem and Woodland Lanes) is approximately 19' wide; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Resolution 07-10 passed in March of 2010 the following parking restrictions were previously adopted: (i) Blackhawk Lane: This lane shall be designated for one-way traffic only from Tecumseh Drive through the alleyway to Woodland Drive. Parking near intersections and curves shall be restricted pursuant to Article 15 of the Ordinance Code or State law. Parking shall be permitted on the left side only of Blackhawk Lane. The left side shall be defined as the western or southern side of the alleyway. Parking along the alleyway between Lots 36 and 37 shall be limited to the left (southern) side of the alleyway only from a point measuring approximately 72 feet from the front lot line of abutting Lot 37 and continuing

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25 feet in an easterly direction along the side boundary line of Lot 37 to a point approximately 33 feet from the 90-degree bend in the alleyway; and (ii) Sachem Lane: This lane shall be designated for one-way traffic only from Tecumseh Drive through the alleyway to Sachem Drive. Parking near intersections and curves shall be restricted pursuant to Article 15 of the Ordinance Code or State law. Parking shall be prohibited along both sides of Sachem Lane.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further find and conclude that, based on past recommendations from the Prince George's County Fire Department, and in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town and the traveling public, certain new traffic and parking restrictions should be made applicable to said drives that are owned and maintained by the Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves and adopts the following parking restrictions and placement of traffic control devices on or along Blackhawk and Sachem Lanes within the Town of Forest Heights.

Section 1

Blackhawk Lane: This lane shall be designated for one-way traffic only from Tecumseh Drive through the alleyway to Woodland Drive. Parking shall be completely prohibited along both sides of Blackhawk Lane for its entire length and posted as such.

Section 2

Sachem Lane: This lane shall be designated for one-way traffic only from Tecumseh Drive through the alleyway to Sachem Drive. Parking shall be completely prohibited along both sides Sachem Lane for its entire length and posted as such.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these parking regulations shall take effect immediately upon passage of this Resolution provided that no citations shall be issued until such time as appropriate traffic control devices are properly posted pursuant to this Resolution and other applicable law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 6 day of August 2018.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

MUHAMMAD

KENNEDY II

MCLAURIN

Yea
Nay
Nay

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BARNES

HINES

WASHINGTON

BROWNSON

Yea
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Nay
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ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS,
MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 6 day of August 2018 with 4 Aye votes and 3 Nay vote the aforesaid Resolution 49-18 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk